

**PATENT**

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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF ROD WITH OPTICAL THIN FILM AND ROD  
BLOCK FOR USE IN THE METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.